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*Four Confirmed Cases of Measles in the Region
Health Officials working together to continue investigation, promote vaccinations*

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) has received reports of 3 confirmed cases of measles infection in both adult and pediatric populations within Milwaukee County, and has learned of an additional case in Waukesha County.

Some but not all of the cases have been linked by local public health authorities. Although one case of measles constitutes an outbreak, the MHD fully anticipates additional cases of measles to be reported in the region during the coming weeks.

Measles is highly contagious disease that is spread through airborne droplets person to person. Vaccination for measles or acquiring a natural infection confers immunity in most individuals. Measles vaccine is highly effective in preventing disease.

The MHD has taken steps to respond to this outbreak in the City and regionally including:

- Enhancing disease surveillance for measles in the County and surrounding region;
- Issuing guidance to private healthcare providers;
- Developing isolation and quarantine orders if needed;
- Opening a clinic for measles vaccination for individuals that are uninsured;
- Working with Milwaukee Public Schools to develop messaging for students, parents and administrators collaboratively with the State and other local public health entities.

The MHD has also staffed a public health informational hotline (414-286-3616) Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as well as updates to its website www.milwaukee.gov/health